

INDIANA STATE SENTINEL.

FOREIGN MISCELLANY.

THE FIVE ACADEMIES.—This body consisting of deputations from all the French Academies, held its annual public session at Paris on the 23 ultimo. M. Blanqui read a learned and interesting essay on the sermons of the East, and their influence. The Christian ladies of Paris are said to have lent a remarkably attentive and curious ear to the recital of the numerous evils with which polygamy oppresses their oriental sisters. M. Blanqui is of the opinion that polygamous institutions are of necessity inferior to those of which monogamy is the basis; and agrees with Molieres, that polygamy is a hanging matter, (*les es pendus*). The condition of the Eastern women in this respect is attributable as well to natural causes, the influence of climate, &c., as to laws and institutions. Nearly all travelers aver, that in India and Japan the woman is old and in the decline at twenty-five. The ladies of India are said to be in their prime at eleven. Institutions and laws doubtless exercise an important influence. The emancipation of the woman can never precede that of the husband and brother. Her liberty has always followed the progress of civilization. The birth and development of her liberty must be parallel with the moral and political freedom of the stronger sex. Despotism is predominant in Asia, where patriarchal authority is the only source of constitutions and the type of the social state. The Northern races have always demanded of woman a man's stay and support, a concurrence of will and effort, a harmony of thought and action; *thus* the Asiatics never dreamed her capable of. The heroes in the Nibelungenlied are described as possessed of a terrible majesty, almost ferocious.—“Savvy,” says the old German poet, “with broad shoulders, capable of knocking down an ox.” Indian poetry depicts its heroes as possessing the timidity of the dove. It regards the very weakness that demands protection, as their most charming attribute.

Through a long succession of ages, a perseverance in the same manners and the same ideas is observable among the inhabitants of the East. Even the colonies which they have set up have continued oriental, though they have not yet been converted. In 1811, between the years of 1809 and 1813, there were 32,000,000 persons in France,” says the Reformer, “there are 27,000,000 who do not drink wine; there are 31,000,000 who never taste sugar; there are 26,000,000 who never eat meat; there are 18,000,000 who never eat wheat bread; and, finally, there are 4,000,000 clothed in the pock's mose.”

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THE PRACTITIONER OF POCKET-PICKING.—An English paper tells of a lady traveling, by one of the numerous omnibuses between Liverpool and the village of Waterloo, who got seated beside a member of the well-known gang, equipped for his vocation with a cloak and a *false pair of hands*, the latter being firmly folded before him. While he thus appeared to be sitting as harmlessless a lamb, he was busily engaged in cutting through the lady's purse to get at her pocket, from which he succeeded in extracting her purse, containing six sovereigns.

THE FOUR FRENCHMEN.—“Of nearly 32,000,000 persons in France,” says the Reformer, “there are 27,000,000 who do not drink wine; there are 31,000,000 who never taste sugar; there are 26,000,000 who never eat meat; there are 18,000,000 who never eat wheat bread; and, finally, there are 4,000,000 clothed in the pock's mose.”

FATINATHUS.—Two ladies of the sect of White Quakers, were apprehended in the streets of Longford, the other day, where they displayed themselves in the supposed costume of Eden, namely a garment of leaves twisted together, and covering them from the waist to the knee.

The MSS. bequeathed by Lord Byron to the Countess Gaskell are announced for the press in London: the reading community are likely to be on the *qui vive* to see the nature of these papers—which may comprise not only the letters but some yet unpublished offerings of the poet's muse.

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MEETING OF THE BAR.

DEATH OF GEN. TILGHMAN A. HOWARD.

At a meeting of the Judges, the members of the bar and officers of the Circuit Court of John Hampden, a monument is about to be raised to his memory on Chalgrove field. The project of raising this memorial was suggested, we believe, some time ago, by Lord Nugent, and is now to be carried into effect by the zealous efforts of his lordship, assisted by the Duke of Bedford, the Marquis of Blandford, the Earl of Buckinghamshire, Lords Brougham, Penman, Lovelace, Legh, Fortescue, and some other gentlemen, who have joined in this test many of their veneration for the memory of a patriot. The monument consists of a large block of Portland stone, 16 feet high, surmounted by a Copper Cap and resting on a massive plinth of the same material. It is raised where the Oxford and Watlington road is crossed by the lane leading on one side of the village of Chalgrove, and on the other to Worplesdon. It was here that Prince Rupert, in his retreat towards Oxford, from the country round Petersfield, Chichester, and Lewkow, having repulsed the main body of the Parliament's troops under Cromwell and Ireton, was encountered by Hampden, who led a party of horse to the attack from the direction of Worplesdon. It must have been very near this spot that Hampden received his death wounds, shot by some of the miscreants of the Prince, who lined the hedge still enclosing the south side of the lane. On the side of the monument lying eastward, in an embankment, the first opportunity to express their deepest sense of melancholy for his loss and their profound respect for his virtues.

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